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Topics Not Covered

- Thermal ignition
- Deflagration-to-Detonation Transition
- Low velocity impact ignition
- Specific reactive burn models
- Numerical simulations

1. Introduction / Overview

What is a detonation wave

Explosive: Reactants \rightarrow Products
Meta-stable reactants \Rightarrow Irreversible reaction

Detonation wave (unsupported)

1. Lead shock triggers fast reaction
2. Reaction releases chemical energy
Large increase in pressure
3. Energy release drives shock

Once initiated detonation wave is self-sustaining

Releases large amount of energy (~ 4 MJ/kg)
in short time ($\sim 10 \mu\text{s}$)

KE of 2 ton car at 100 mph = 1.8 MJ, about $(6 \text{ cm})^3$ of HE
NIF, 2 MJ of laser energy (few ns)

Detonation wave vs Shock wave

- Shock and detonation wave supersonic wrt flow ahead and subsonic wrt flow behind except
underdriven detonation wave is sonic wrt flow behind
- Weak shock speed \rightarrow sound speed
Detonation wave has minimum speed $>$ sound speed
- Shock decays if not supported
Overdriven detonation wave similar to shock wave
Underdriven detonation is self-sustaining
- Pressure increases across both shock and detonation waves
Shock is discontinuity (numerical width for shock capturing)
Detonation wave, physical width due to finite reaction rate (~ 0.1 mm)
- EOS determines shock locus and planar detonation locus
Detonation wave speed depends on local front curvature

Detonation properties and applications

Example solid explosives

	TNT	HMX based PBX 9501	TATB based PBX 9502	
P	19.	35.	28.	GPa
D	6.9	8.8	7.8	km/s
ρ	1.64	1.84	1.89	g/cc

Applications of explosives

1. Mining
2. Construction and demolition
3. Push metals to high velocity (several km/s)
High pressure EOS data (up to tens of MB)
LASL Shock Hugoniot Data (Ed. S. Marsh, 1980)
4. Explosive driven flux compression generator (30 MA at 10 kV)
5. Weapons

Plastic-bonded explosive (PBX)

Heterogeneous materials

- Explosive grains + small amount of impurities
- Polymeric binder
- pores

Fuel and oxidizer within explosive molecule

analog of premixed combustion rather than laminar combustion

Ex: HMX, $C_4 H_8 N_8 O_8$ cyclo-tetramethylene-tetranitramine

TATB, $C_6 H_6 N_6 O_6$ triamino-trinitro-benzene

PBX grain size distribution: 10 to 200 microns (loose specification)

Heterogeneities affect burn rate

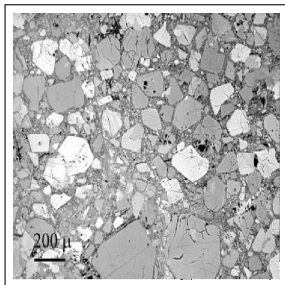
- Shock-to-detonation transition
- Rate dominated by hot spots
Rather than chemical rate at shock temperature

PBX manufacture

- **Batch of molding powder**
Combine coarse and fine HE grains
Coat grains with binder to form granules (conglomerate of grains)
- **Blend batches into a lot**
Adjust to specifications (e.g., mass fraction of HE and binder)
- **Heat and press molding powder to form PBX**
Compress out porosity to achieve specified density
Can get partial alignment of HE crystal orientation
Grains can fracture and change size distribution
- **PBX heterogeneities**
Statistically more similar within a lot than between lots
- **Experiment should record relevant PBX information**
Lot, density and firing temperature
Allows for corrects when comparing experiments

Example meso-scale structure

PBX 9501

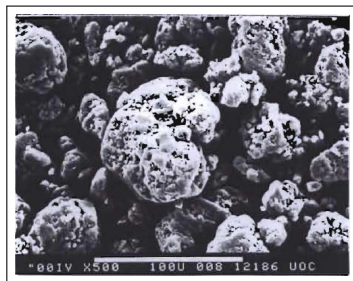


polarized light micrograph

2 % porosity

Skidmore *et al.*, 1998

PBX 9502 (dry aminated)



scanning electron micrograph

2.5 % porosity

Pantex

Newer techniques

- X-ray computer micro-tomography
- Ultra-small angle neutron scattering

Energetic materials

Detonation wave for explosive (fast burn mode)

Deflagration wave for propellant (slow burn mode)

Differences in wave properties

- Detonation wave is compressive and pressure increasing
Deflagration wave is expansive and pressure decreasing
- Detonation driven by shock wave (wave width $\sim 100 \mu\text{m}$)
Deflagration driven by heat conduction (wave width $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}$)
- Detonation wave speed up to 9 km/s
Deflagration wave speed typically mm/s to cm/s
- Detonation wave supersonic ahead and subsonic behind
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Reaction zone for detonation wave in heterogeneous solid

Deflagration wavelets from hot spots

2. Reactive flow equations

Model PDEs

Euler equations + rate equation for reaction progress variable

For single irreversible reaction with reaction progress variable λ

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho(\mathbf{e} + \frac{1}{2}u^2) \\ \rho\lambda \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + \underline{P} \\ \rho u(\mathbf{e} + \frac{1}{2}u^2 + \underline{P}V) \\ \rho u\lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \rho Q \underline{\mathcal{R}} \\ \rho \underline{\mathcal{R}} \end{pmatrix}$$

ρ , u , e are density, particle velocity and specific internal energy

Q is specific energy release and \mathcal{R} is reaction rate

Last component reduces to rate equation (ODE along particle path)

$$(d/dt)\lambda = (\partial_t + u\partial_x)\lambda = \mathcal{R}$$

Fluid flow and reaction coupled through
pressure $P(V, e, \lambda)$ and reaction rate $\mathcal{R}(V, e, \lambda)$

Single irreversible reaction

Chemical reaction: **Reactants \rightarrow Products**

as **reaction progress variable** goes from $\lambda = 0$ to $\lambda = 1$

Typically, λ is mass fraction of products

Irreversible reaction implies $\mathcal{R} \geq 0$

Reactants are meta-stable

Not chemical equilibrium but large potential barrier

Lowers accuracy requirement for simulations

Require **$\mathcal{R} \rightarrow 0$ as $\lambda \rightarrow 1$** , rate vanishes when reactants depleted

- **PDE generalize to multi-step reactions**

Needed for thermal ignition

- **Multi-step reactions not used for detonation waves**

For Arrhenius chemical rates

Rate limiting reaction (smallest T_a) at high temperatures

Burn rate dominated by hot spots and not chemical rate at average T

- Exception is second reaction for slow carbon clustering (TATB)

EOS for partly burned HE

For partly burned HE need $P(V, e, \lambda)$, $T(V, e, \lambda)$

1. Reactants EOS for $\lambda = 0$, unreacted
2. Products EOS for $\lambda = 1$, completely burned
3. Mixture rule to interpolate for $0 < \lambda < 1$, partly burned

Example: Ideal HE

$$P(V, e, \lambda) = (\gamma - 1)(e + \lambda Q)/V$$

$$T(V, e, \lambda) = (e + \lambda Q)/C_v$$

Q is chemical energy release and C_v is specific heat

Tacitly assume partly burned HE is homogeneous

i.e., completely characterized by V, e, λ

Heterogeneity of PBX accounted for only in reaction rate

Constraints on EOS

- **Thermodynamic consistency**

EOS derived from thermodynamic potential

e.g., Helmholtz free energy or Gibbs free energy

- **Thermodynamic stability**

$K_s \geq K_T \geq 0$ and $C_P \geq C_V \geq 0$ for fixed λ

where K is bulk modulus and C is specific heat

- **EOS models have limited domains**

K_T breaks down for solid EOS models in expansion

$C_V \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow 0$ does not hold for products EOS

Unphysical van der Waal loops at low temperature

- **Detonation phenomena requires thermicity is positive**

$$\frac{(\partial_\lambda P)_{V,e}}{\rho c^2} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} - \Gamma \frac{\Delta H}{c^2} > 0$$

Contributions from heat release ΔH and change in volume ΔV

Can have endothermic reaction if ΔV sufficiently large

P-T equilibrium

Frequently used mixture rule is P - T equilibrium

$$P(V, e, \lambda) = P_p(V_p, e_p) = P_r(V_r, e_r)$$

$$T(V, e, \lambda) = T_p(V_p, e_p) = T_r(V_r, e_r)$$

$$V = \lambda V_p + (1 - \lambda) V_r$$

$$e = \lambda e_p + (1 - \lambda) e_r$$

Subscripts 'p' and 'r' denote products and reactants, respectively

Corresponds to phase separation between reactants and products

Unique solution provided that reactants and products EOS are both thermodynamically consistent and stable

Thermodynamic consistent mixture rule

$$G(P, T, \lambda) = \lambda G_p(P, T) + (1 - \lambda) G_r(P, T)$$

Thermodynamic stability of mixture rule

G is jointly concave in P and T

Example: Ideal HE

Reactants (ideal gas)

$$P_r(V, e) = (\gamma - 1)e/V$$

$$T_r(V, e) = e/C_V$$

$$\tilde{P}_r(V, T) = (\gamma - 1)C_V T/V,$$

Products (ideal gas with energy offset)

$$P_p(V, e) = (\gamma - 1)(e + Q)/V$$

$$T_p(V, e) = (e + Q)/C_V$$

$$\tilde{P}_p(V, T) = (\gamma - 1)C_V T/V$$

PT equilibrium

$$V_r = V_p = V$$

$$e_p = e - (1 - \lambda)Q$$

$$e_r = e + \lambda Q$$

Equivalent to

$$P(V, e, \lambda) = (\gamma - 1)(e + \lambda Q)/V$$

$$T(V, e, \lambda) = (e + \lambda Q)/C_V$$

Chemical heat release

Degree of freedom for the relative energy origins of products and reactants from the transformation

$$P'_p(V, e) = P_p(V, e + q)$$

$$(d/dt)e' = -P'(d/dt)V + (Q - q)(d/dt)\lambda$$

Solution to PDEs invariant if for mixture rule $e = \lambda e_p + (1 - \lambda)e_r$

Heat release can be

explicit, Q in energy equation

or offset in energy origin between reactants and products q

or both

Convention (for ambient reactants):

Chose $e_0 = 0$ for reactants and energy origin of products

such that $P_{cj} = P_p(V_{cj}, e_{cj})$ where $e_{cj} = \frac{1}{2} P_{cj} \cdot (V_0 - V_{cj})$

and subscript 'cj' denotes the CJ detonation state

Then $Q = 0$.

Conservation form of PDEs

Form of PDEs

$$\partial_t \vec{w} + \nabla_{\vec{x}} \cdot \overleftrightarrow{F}(\vec{w}) = \vec{s}$$

Integrate over volume element Ω

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \int_{\Omega} dV \vec{w} &= - \int_{\Omega} dV \nabla \cdot \overleftrightarrow{F} + \int_{\Omega} dV \vec{s} \\ &= - \int_{\partial\Omega} dS \hat{n} \cdot \overleftrightarrow{F} + \int_{\Omega} dV \vec{s} \end{aligned}$$

\vec{w} is vector of conserved quantities

\overleftrightarrow{F} is flux (advection and force terms)

\vec{s} is source function with no derivatives

In 1-D, surface integral reduces to jump across volume element

For discontinuity in \vec{w} , in rest frame of wave front

conservation requires flux is continuous \Rightarrow shock jump conditions

Wave structure

Linearize PDEs, $\partial_t \vec{w} + [\nabla_{\vec{w}} \vec{F}] \cdot \partial_x \vec{w} = \vec{s}$

2 acoustic waves with characteristic velocities $u \pm c$

Entropy and λ can be discontinuous across a contact

P and u continuous and advects with the particle velocity

Reactive flow PDEs are hyperbolic

$\nabla_{\vec{w}} \vec{F}$ has real eigenvalues (characteristic speeds)

Shock jump conditions

- Finite source terms do not affect jump conditions
- Fluid variable ρ, u, e

Same jump conditions as for Euler equations

- Fourth jump condition

$$\Delta[\rho(u_s - u)\lambda] = 0$$

From mass jump condition, $\rho(u_s - u) = \text{mass flux}$ is constant

Hence $\Delta[\lambda] = 0$ if mass flux $\neq 0$ (shock)

λ is continuous across shock wave

Characteristic equations

acoustic wave families

$$\begin{aligned} [(d/dt) + c\partial_x]P + \rho c[(d/dt) + c\partial_x]u &= s\mathcal{R}, & \text{along } dx/dt = u + c \\ [(d/dt) - c\partial_x]P - \rho c[(d/dt) - c\partial_x]u &= s\mathcal{R}, & \text{along } dx/dt = u - c \end{aligned}$$

contact wave families

$$\begin{aligned} (d/dt)P - c^2(d/dt)\rho &= s\mathcal{R}, & \text{along } dx/dt = u \\ (d/dt)\lambda &= \mathcal{R}, & \text{along } dx/dt = u \end{aligned}$$

where

$d/dt = \partial_t + u\partial_x$ is convective time derivative

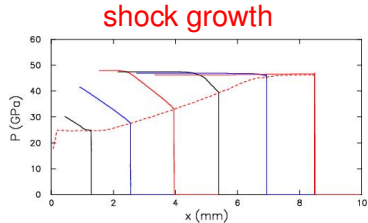
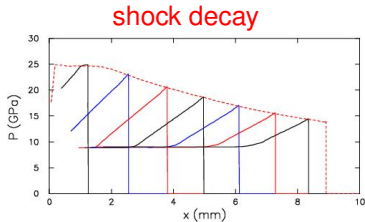
$$s = \Gamma \rho \lambda Q + (\partial_\lambda P)_{V,e}$$

$\Gamma = (V\partial_e P)_{V,\lambda}$ is Grünesien coefficient

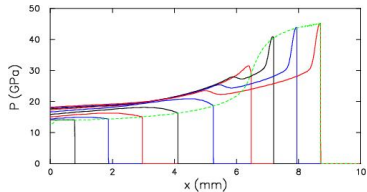
Characteristic velocities (wave speeds) are $u + c$, $u - c$ and u
Thermicity enters as source term

Shock acceleration

Pressure profiles at sequence of times

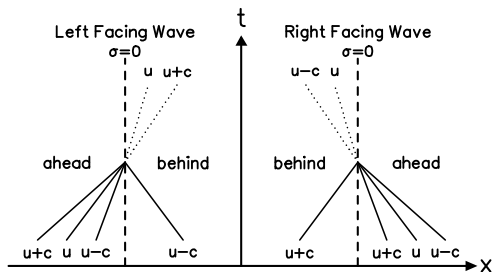


shock-to-detonation transition



Shock state & characteristics

Characteristics in rest frame of shock front



- Ahead state**

Determined by characteristics ahead of shock front

- Behind state**

Shock locus from ahead state

Incoming characteristic behind front

Source terms affect behind state

Summary

Reactive burn model (solid explosives)

1. EOS for reactants
2. EOS for products
3. Mixture rule for partly burn HE
4. Reaction rate (accounts for heterogeneities)

Typically, heuristic to motivate fitting form for rate

Calibrate rate to fit subset of experimental data

Highly non-linear minimization of metric for difference
between experimental and simulated data

Calibration of rate depends on EOS

Aim is an engineering model for
shock initiation, propagating detonation waves
and other detonation phenomena

3. Detonation locus

Shock jump conditions

- Local conservation across shock discontinuity or quasi-steady detonation wave profile
- All variable are function of $\xi = x - Dt$ where D is wave speed
 $\partial_x = d/d\xi$ and $\partial_t = -D(d/d\xi)$

From PDEs in conservation form ► PDEs

$$\Delta[\rho(u - D)] = 0 \quad \text{mass}$$

$$\Delta[\rho u(u - D) + P] = 0 \quad \text{momentum}$$

$$\Delta[\rho(\frac{1}{2}u^2 + e)(u - D) + Pu] = \rho(u - D)Q\Delta[\lambda] \quad \text{energy}$$

- Combine mass and momentum equation

$$\rho(u - D)\Delta[u - D] + \Delta[P] = 0$$

- Combine with energy equation

$$\rho(u - D)\Delta[\frac{1}{2}(u - D)^2 + e + PV] = \rho(u - D)Q\Delta[\lambda]$$

Hugoniot equation

Summary of shock jump conditions

- Depend only on velocity differences
 $D - u$ ahead and behind wave
 Galilean invariance of Euler equations
- Symmetry for left and right facing waves
 If $D - u$ is solution then $-(D - u)$ is solution with same V and e
 Parity invariance ($x \rightarrow -x$ and $u \rightarrow -u$) of Euler equations
- Reduce 3 jump conditions by eliminating velocity
 Results in 1 equation for only thermodynamic variables

Hugoniot equation

$$e = \lambda Q + e_0 + \frac{1}{2} [P(V, e, \lambda) + P_0] \cdot (V_0 - V)$$

For fixed λ : 1 equation for 2 variables V and e

Shock or partly burned detonation locus is curve in (V, P) -plane

Shock relations

$$e = \lambda Q + e_0 + \frac{1}{2} [P(V, e, \lambda) + P_0] \cdot (V_0 - V)$$

$\lambda = 0$ gives reactants shock locus

$\lambda = 1$ gives the products detonation locus

- When ahead state is at rest $u_0 = 0$

$$P = P_0 + \rho_0 u D \text{ and } V/V_0 = 1 - u/D$$

Measurement of particle and wave speeds u and D determines point on shock/detonation locus

- $$\frac{P - P_0}{V_0 - V} = (\rho_0 D)^2$$

Slope of Rayleigh line in (V, P) -plane

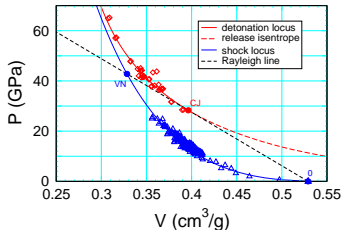
- $$(\Delta u)^2 = (P - P_0)(V_0 - V)$$

Change in particle velocity from thermodynamic variables

Straight forward to transform from (V, P) -plane to (u_p, u_s) -plane

Unsupported detonation wave

Example shock/detonation locus for PBX 9502



Rayleigh line with $D = D_{CJ}$

Chapman, 1899

Jouguet, 1905 & 1906

von Neumann, WW II ~ 1945

- **Chapman-Jouguet (CJ) state**
Hugoniot locus tangent to Rayleigh line
 Sonic point ($D = u + c$) on detonation locus
 D_{CJ} is minimum detonation speed
 Unsupported (self-sustaining) detonation wave
- **von Neumann (VN) spike**
 Lead shock in reactants

CJ state relations

Explicit formula for CJ state ($P_0 = 0$)

$$D_{CJ}^2 = 2(\gamma^2 - 1)Q \quad \text{Ideal HE only}$$

$$P_{CJ} = \frac{\rho_0 D_{CJ}^2}{\gamma + 1}$$

$$V_{CJ} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} V_0$$

$$u_{CJ} = \frac{D_{CJ}}{\gamma + 1}$$

$$c_{CJ} = \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} D_{CJ}$$

where $\gamma = c^2/(PV)$ is adiabatic exponent at CJ state

Detonation pressure proportional to energy release Q

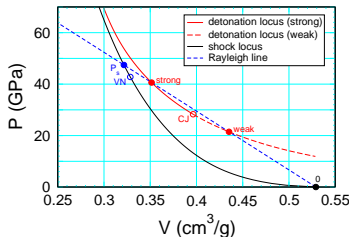
Detonation speed proportional to square root of Q

$c_{CJ} = \gamma u_{CJ} > u_{CJ}$ (sonic with respect to front, $u_{CJ} + c_{CJ} = D_{CJ}$)

Typically, for solid explosive $\gamma_{CJ} \approx 3$

Overdriven detonation wave

Example shock/detonation locus for PBX 9502



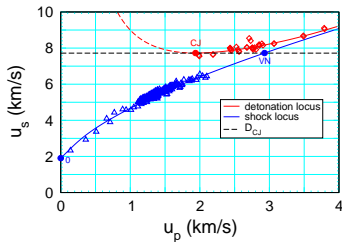
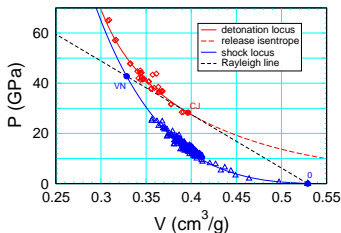
Rayleigh line with $D > D_{CJ}$

2 branches for $D > D_{CJ}$

- **Subsonic** ($D < u + c$) **strong detonation** ($P > P_{CJ}$)
Profile for reaction zone
Overdriven detonation wave
- **Supersonic** ($D > u + c$) **weak detonation** ($P < P_{CJ}$)
no profile (unphysical)

Shock and detonation loci

Example shock/detonation locus for PBX 9502



Data

- Overdriven detonation waves**

Experiments with flyer plate to support detonation

- Reactants shock Hugoniot**

$u_s(u_p)$ concave down for weak shocks

Extrapolation for strong shocks

Detonation speed dependence on initial state

- **PBX density can vary with pressing conditions**
Detonation speed depends on energy release per volume
- **Range of temperatures, $-55 < T < 75\text{C}$, for applications**
Thermal expansion affects initial density
EOS models may be inaccurate due to change in porosity
Also issue with thermal cycling

Linearize Hugoniot equation and sonic condition

$$\frac{\Delta D_{cj}}{D_{cj}} = A \frac{\Delta \rho_0}{\rho_0} + B \frac{\Delta e_0}{D_{cj}^2}$$

where

$$A = \frac{\gamma(\gamma - \Gamma - 1)}{2\gamma - \Gamma} \quad B = \frac{\Gamma}{2\gamma - \Gamma} (\gamma + 1)^2$$

γ is adiabatic exponent, $\gamma \approx 3$ at CJ state

Γ is Grünesen coefficient, $\Gamma \approx 0.5$ at CJ state

EOS uncertainty

- **Density is measured at room temperature**
 $\rho_0 = \text{mass/volume}$ with volume from water immersion measurement
- **Density at temperature from thermal expansion**
Uncertainty in coefficient of thermal expansion
For PBX 9502, HE crystals anisotropic and partly align (texture)
Ratchet growth (thermal cycling) affects density
- **Uncertainty in initial energy from reactant EOS**
EOS models typically calibrated to shock Hugoniot
 Γ , C_V and thermal expansion coefficient not accurate
 2^{nd} order effect for purpose of calculating D_{CJ}
- **Equilibrium products EOS**
Independent of initial reactants state
Provided composition and impurities are the same

Deflagration locus

Solutions to Hugoniot equation for $\lambda = 1$

- $V < V_0$ (compression)

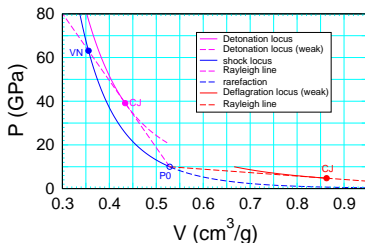
D_{CJ} is minimum detonation speed
 Strong branch ($P \geq P_{CJ}$) allowed
 Supersonic ahead and subsonic behind
 Weak branch, no profile

- $V > V_0$ (expansion)

Unlike shock, entropy increasing due to reaction
 \tilde{D}_{CJ} is maximum deflagration speed
 Weak branch ($V < \tilde{V}_{CJ}$ possible)
 Flow subsonic ahead and subsonic behind
 Profile for point on locus determined by heat conduction

- Between detonation and deflagration loci

Unphysical, $P > P_0$ and $V > V_0$ implies $D^2 < 0$

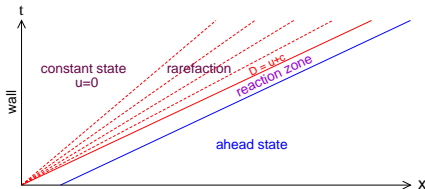


4. Planar detonation wave

Unsupported detonation wave

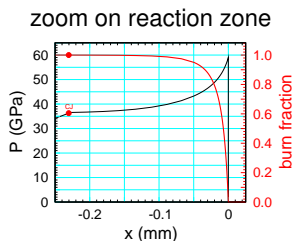
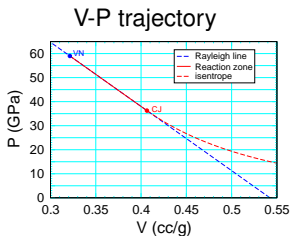
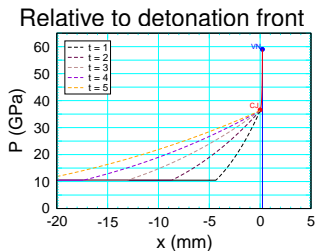
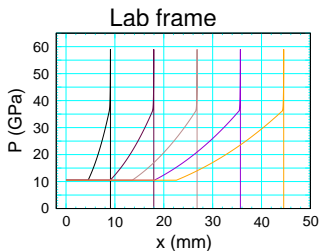
- Chapman-Jouguet detonation wave is shock like discontinuity propagating at the CJ detonation speed
 “Programmed burn” model for propagating detonation waves
- Zeldovich (1940), von Neumann (1942), Doering (1943)
 Modeled reaction zone due to finite rate (reactive fluid equations)
- Unsupported 1-D detonation
 Steady ZND reaction zone
 + Taylor wave (rarefaction) which spreads out in time
 End of reaction zone and head of rarefaction coincide

Wave diagram



Wave profiles

Pressure profiles at sequence of times



Reaction zone width

Depletion factor: $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow 0$ as reactants burned up

$$\mathcal{R} \propto (1 - \lambda)^n \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow 1$$

Tail of wave profile

$$(d/dt)\lambda = \mathcal{R}(\lambda)$$

- $n < 1$

Hot spot burn rate

Finite burn time and reaction zone width

$$1 - \lambda(t) \propto (t_* - t)^{1/(1-n)} \text{ as } t \rightarrow t_*$$

Important for curvature effect

- $n = 1$

First order reaction

exponential tail, $1 - \lambda(t) \propto \exp(-t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

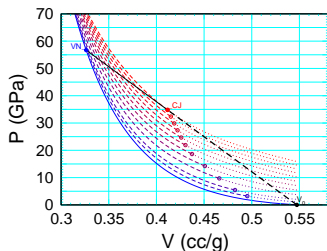
- $n > 1$

Reaction order for chemical reaction

Algebraic tail, $1 - \lambda(t) \propto t^{-1/(n-1)}$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$

Derivation of ZND profile

Partly burned detonation loci



- For steady wave, $\xi = x - Dt$
mass, momentum and energy fluxes are constant in rest frame of front

► jump conditions

- In (V, P) -plane flow on intersection of Rayleigh line, slope $= -(\rho_0 D_{CJ})^2$ and partly burned detonation loci

Parameterized points by λ

Rate equation reduces to ODE

$$(d/d\xi)\lambda = -\mathcal{R}(V(\lambda), e(\lambda), \lambda)/[D - u(\lambda)]$$

where $V(\lambda)$, $e(\lambda)$, $u(\lambda)$ are point on partly detonation locus with detonation speed D , reduces to algebraic equation in 1 variable

Profile for strong branch of detonation locus, $D \geq D_{CJ}$

Detonation locus and Rayleigh line

Point of partly burned detonation locus with detonation speed D

Use jump condition to reduce to 1 equation for $V(\lambda)$

Newton iteration to find solution $f(V) = 0$

$$e_h(V) = \lambda Q + e_0 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 (V_0 - V)^2 + P_0 (V_0 - V)$$

$$P_h(V) = P(V, e_h(V), \lambda)$$

$$f(V) = P_h - P_0 - m^2 (V_0 - V)$$

$$f'(V) = -(c/V)^2 + \Gamma [P_h - P_0 - m^2 (V_0 - V)] / V + m^2$$

$$V \rightarrow V - f(V)/f'(V) \quad \text{Newton iteration}$$

where $m = \rho_0 D$ is mass flux for detonation speed
which defines Rayleigh line

For ODE for $\lambda(\xi)$ use last V to start iteration.

Algorithm very robust for any model EOS.

Taylor wave

1. ODEs for CJ isentropes of products EOS
and velocity for rarefaction wave (right facing)

► characteristic equations

$$\frac{d}{dV} \begin{pmatrix} e \\ u \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} P(V, e) \\ c(V, e)/V \end{pmatrix}$$

Integrate trajectory starting at CJ state (V_{CJ}, e_{CJ}, u_{CJ})
til the back boundary condition is met (such as piston velocity)

2. Rarefaction wave (right facing)

All variable (V, e, u) are constant on characteristics, $dx/dt = u + c$

Characteristics are straight line in (t, x) ► wave diagram

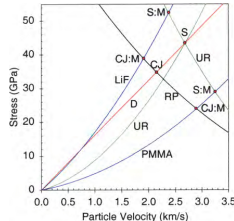
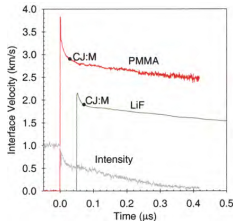
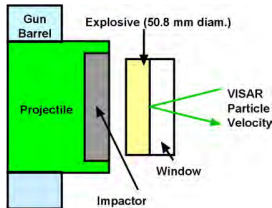
Characteristic speed is monotonic function V

for convex isentropes, $(\partial^2 P / \partial V^2)_S > 0$

Almost all materials have convex isentropes

Exceptions for anomalous cases, such as near critical point

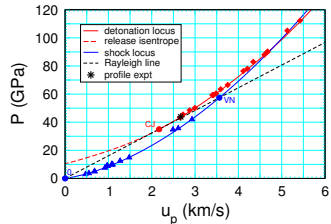
Experimental PBX 9501 profile



Gustavsen, Sheffield & Alcon
11th Detonation Symposium (1998)

6 experiments (4 PMMA + 2 LiF)

- Initiation pressure 3.9 to 6 GPa
Detonation runs for 8 to 17 mm
- Peak gets clipped**
~ 2 ns temporal resolution
VISAR spot size (0.5 mm)
PBX/window interface
8 μm kapton + 0.4 μm Al + glue
- VN spike pressure**
38.7 to 53.4 GPa
- reaction time** 19 to 60 ns
Does not account for profile $u(t)$



Simulated PBX 9502 profile

- **Numerical shock profile**
Rather than discontinuous shock
- **Head of rarefaction/end of reaction zone**
Rapid but smooth transition rather than kink
- **With low resolution**
Burning in shock rise
clip VN spike

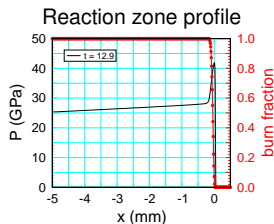
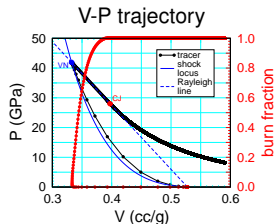
Planar propagating detonation wave

Used as verification test

Semi-analytic solution to compare with

For any EOS and any burn rate

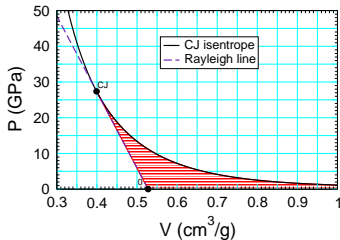
High resolution simulation



Chemical energy released

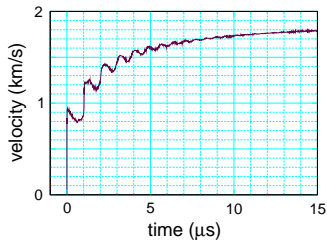
Heat of detonation is change in enthalpy ($H = e + PV$)
between products expanded out to $P = 0$ and reactants state

Heat release
– Δ enthalpy is area shown in red



► cylinder test

Cylinder test wall velocity



convert HE energy to KE of wall

Useful energy limited by expansion

At expansion of $V_0/V = 7$, $P \approx 0.1$ GPa
and recover above 80 % of chemical energy

Measurement of energy released

- Bomb calorimeter**

Large volume implies small change in pressure when HE reacts

1. Inert gas in calorimeter gives **heat of detonation**
2. Air in calorimeter gives **heat of combustion**

Additional reactions with oxygen in air

For oxygen poor explosives, such as for TNT

- Heat of formation**

If products species are known

reactants $\rightarrow \sum_i \nu_i \text{prod}_i$

where ν_i are stoichiometry coefficients

$$\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} = \sum_i \nu_i H_{\text{prod}_i} - H_{\text{reactants}}$$

Convention for heat release

$$Q = -\Delta H_{\text{reaction}} \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{for exothermic reaction} \\ < 0 & \text{for endothermic reaction} \end{cases}$$

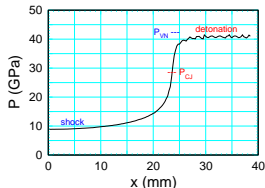
5. Shock-to-detonation transition

Initiation mechanism

Positive feedback mechanism for shock initiation

- Shock initiates reaction
Hot spot burning for heterogeneous HE
- Reaction increase shock strength
Source term in characteristic equation and pressure gradient
Pressure gradient from competition
reaction starting earlier vs later with higher rate
- Increased shock pressure increase reaction rate
More hot spots and increased burning around each hot spot

Lead shock pressure vs distance of run



Similar to thermal runaway
 $T(t)$ for constant volume burn

Shock initiation experiments

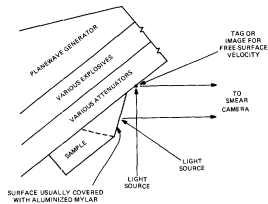
1-D shock initiation with sustained shock

- Wedge experiment (1960)

Lead shock trajectory

Shock breakout on wedge
outruns side rarefaction

Booster/Attenuator minimizes
pressure gradient



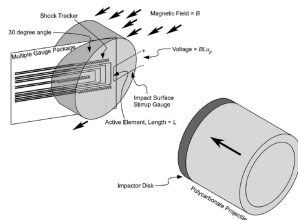
- Gas gun experiment

Embedded magnetic velocity gauges
 $25\ \mu\text{m}$ Teflon + $5\ \mu\text{m}$ Al + $25\ \mu\text{m}$ Teflon

Tracker gauge for shock trajectory

Lagrangian velocity time histories

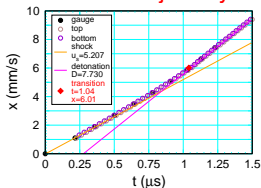
Vary shock loading with
material layers on projectile



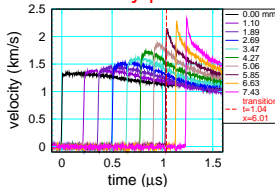
Gustavsen *et al.*, late 1990

Pop plot data (ambient PBX 9502)

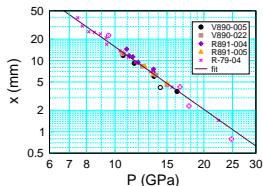
Shock trajectory



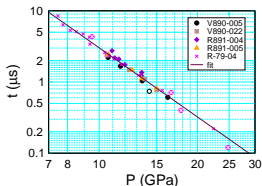
Velocity profiles



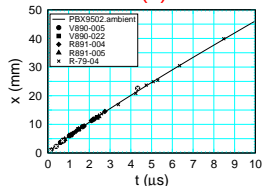
distance-of-run



time to detonation



$x(t)$



- Linear on log-log plot

Both run distance and run time, and $x(t)$

Pressure range for Pop plot

Limitations on Pop plot data

- Low pressure

Large run distance

Sustained drive pressure limited by side rarefactions

Pore collapse not effective at low pressures

PBX shock width due to visco-elastic and elastic-plastic effects

Run distance greater than linear fit on log-log plot

Data for HMX based PBXs (projectile from 6 inch howitzer) show

Run distance and run time bend upward at low pressures

- High pressure

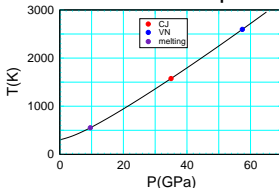
Short run distance

Large uncertainties in shock trajectory and initial shock pressure

Transients if run distance \gtrsim steady reaction zone width

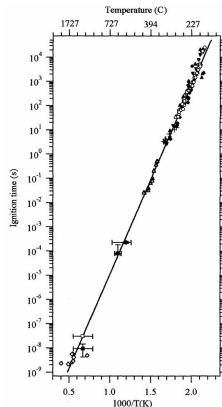
Chemical rate

Reactants shock temperature



- **3 GPa on Pop plot for PBX 9501**
Time to detonation 3 to 4.5 μ s
- Shock temperature 358 K
- Melt temperature, 550 K
Thermal initiation time, ~ 5000 s
- **Chemical rate at shock temperature**
Orders of magnitude too low

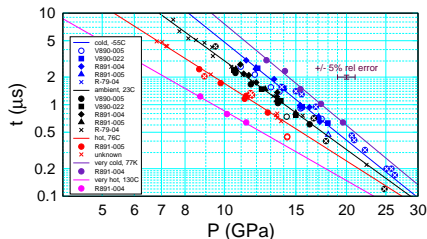
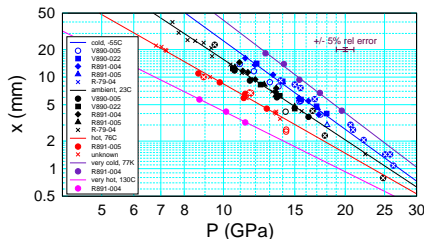
Hot Spots reconcile discrepancy



Henson-Smilowitz
global rate

Temperature variation

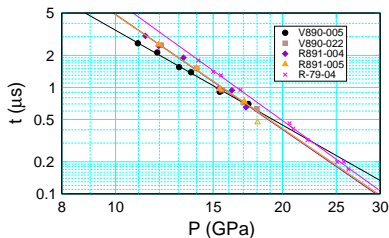
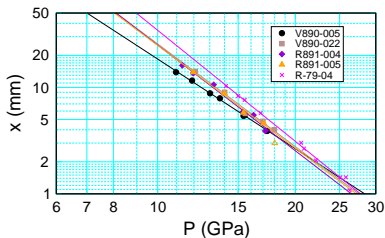
PBX 9502



- **Shock sensitivity**
More sensitive explosive has shorter run distance
- **As temperature increases**
More sensitive
- **Scatter in data** ($\pm 7\%$ & outliers up to 30%)
Uncertainties from experiment
Sample variation from heterogeneities

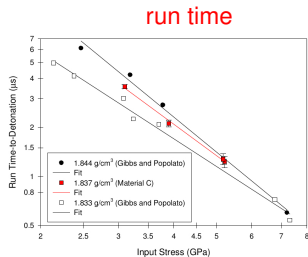
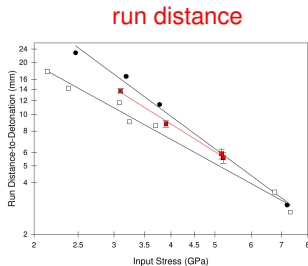
Lot dependence

cold (-55 C) PBX 9502



- **Large lot dependence**
Greater than uncertainty in data
Correlated variation in run time and run distance
- **Burn rate affected by variation in heterogeneities**
Model parameters need to be fit for each lot
or loss accuracy and potentially predictivity
- **Issue for detonator/booster systems**

Density variation



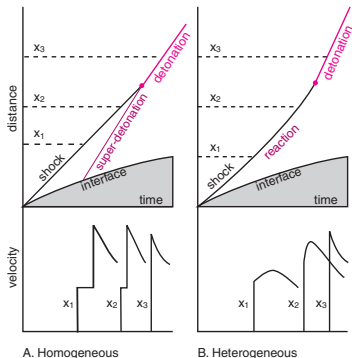
Gustavsen *et al.*, 1999

- **PBX 9501 pressing density**
 1.833, 1.837 and 1.844 g/cc
 small density variation ± 5 mg/cc or $\pm 0.3\%$
 large change in porosity $\pm 20\%$
- **run distance** at 3 GPa, 11 to 19 mm or $\pm 25\%$
- **run time** at 3 GPa, 3 to 4.5 μ s or $\pm 20\%$

Homogeneous vs Heterogeneous initiation

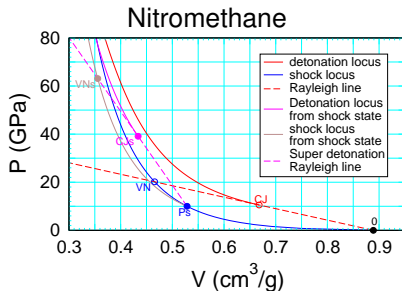
Chemical rate at bulk temperature vs hot spot rate
(Two papers by Campbell, Davis, Ramsay & Travis 1961)

- Homogeneous shock initiation**
 Thermal runaway near HE interface
 Leading to **super-detonation wave**
 in shock compressed HE Detonation
 overtakes lead shock
- Heterogeneous shock initiation**
 Reaction behind lead shock
 Shock strengthens to detonation
- Adding glass beads to nitromethane**
 Velocity profiles change character
 from homogeneous to heterogeneous
Also bubbles in liquid nitroglycerin

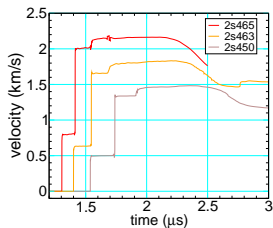


Super-detonation

- **Wave loci (shock or detonation)**
Depends on state ahead of wave
Not unique for material
- **Shocked compressed state**
Higher energy per volume
Detonation wave has
higher D_{CJ} and P_{CJ}
then for ambient state
Called super-detonation
- **Vary initial temperature**
Changes ahead state and CJ state varies
Smaller effect than super-detonation



Shock desensitization



Double shock PBX 9502

shot	P1	P2
	GPa	GPa
2s450	5.3	19
2s463	7.0	25
2s465	9.0	33

- **Double shock**
Rate set by first shock
- **Single crystal HMX very insensitive compared to PBX 9051**
Failed to detonate in 7 mm at shock pressure of 34 GPa
- **Interpretation**
First shock closes pores and sets hot spot density
- **Shock/rarefaction/shock**
Rate between first and second shock

Other shock initiation

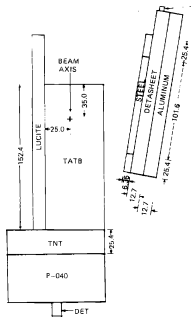
Complex shock loading

- **Short shock**
Time duration of shock less than time to detonation
1-D version of fragment impact
- **Multiple shocks**
Shock desensitization
Weak transverse shock can quench propagating detonation wave
Dead zones for corner turning
- **Shock followed by rarefaction**
Gap test
Detonation wave in donor HE \rightarrow inert \rightarrow acceptor HE
- **Shock initiation with divergence**
Detonator / booster

Quench propagating detonation wave

Detonation wave
in PBX 9502

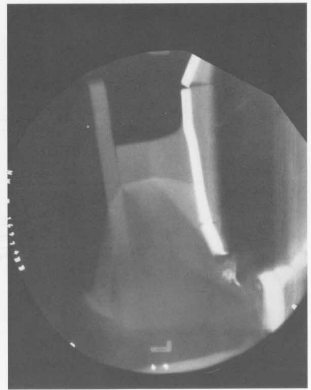
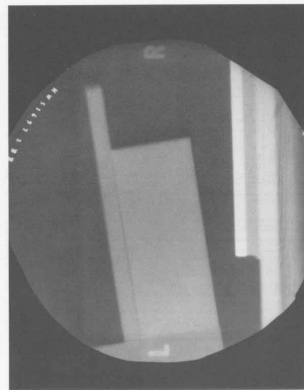
Transverse shock
from steel flyer plate



Phermex shot #1697

static

dynamic



HE initiation for simulation

Initiate detonation wave in simulation

- **'Hot spot'**
Small region of high pressure
Products at CJ state
- **Drive shock into reactants**
Riemann problem determines shock pressure in reactants
Rarefaction into hot spot
- **Prompt shock-to-detonation transition**
Hot spot needs to be large enough to maintain pressure
over time to detonation from Pop plot
at reactants shock pressure
Similar to short shock initiation

Hot spot plays role of a detonator

Or programmed burn HE to generate hot spot

6. Ignition and growth concept of Hot Spots

Hot spot burning

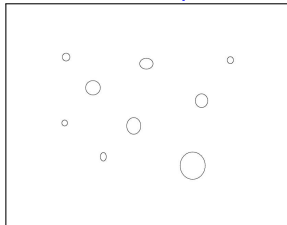
Hot spots for initiation by friction and impact (Bowden & Yoffe, 1952)

Hot spots for shock initiation in heterogeneous HE (Campbell *et al.*, 1961)

Ignition & Growth concept (Lee & Tarver, 1980)

- Shock front triggers hot spots
Void collapse on fast time scale
- Burn centers
Competition: heat conduction & reaction
Small hot spots quench
Large hot spots become burn centers
- Reactive wavelets
Deflagration wave from burn centers
 $\text{Burn rate} = (\text{front area}) \cdot (\text{deflagration speed})$
- Depletion of reactants
Overlap of reactive wavelets
Geometric effect on front area

Potential hot spot sites



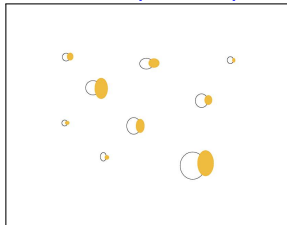
Pores or cracks
inter- or intra-granular

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Shock sweeps over pores



Hot spots form

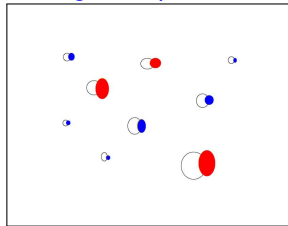
Localized spatial regions
of high temperature

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Ignition phase



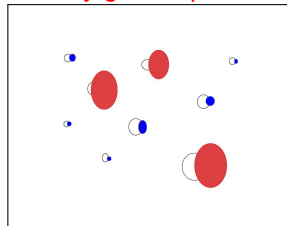
Hot spots react
some form burn centers
average $\mathcal{R}(T) \gg \mathcal{R}(\text{average } T)$
Burning dominated by
tail of temperature distribution

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Overlap of reactive wavelets
Geometric effect on front area

Early growth phase



Burn front area increases

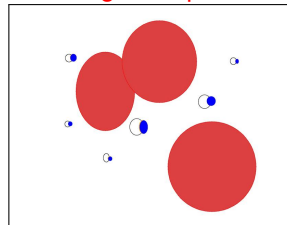
Reactants & products
are phase separated

Hot spot burning

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Overlap of reactive wavelets
Geometric effect on front area

Late growth phase



Depletion limited

Burn front area decreases

Hot spot requirements

- Minimum hot spot temperature

Pop plot run time for PBX 9501: $4 \mu\text{s}$ at 3 GPa

Hot-spot thermal ignition time likely 10 times faster ▶ gauge

(little reaction in ignition phase, volume of hot spots is small)

Estimate based on Henson-Smilowitz global rate for HMX (PBX 9501)

Temperature greater than 1100 K at 3 GPa ▶ rate

Need dissipative mechanism to localize energy in hot spot

- Hot spot size range

(deflagration wave width) < (hot spot size) < (detonation wave width)

Estimated hot spot size between $0.1 \mu\text{m}$ and $5 \mu\text{m}$

USANS data goes to smaller sizes

Manufacturing defect if pores on the order of small grain size

Single hot spot can trigger deflagration but not detonation

- Number density of pores

For fixed porosity, number density scales as (pore size) $^{-3}$

Perspective on hot spot burn rate

- **Subgrid model for effective burn rate**
Accounts for effect of small unresolved length scales
Hot spot burning implies rate is dominated by
Tail of temperature distribution
Not mean field theory homogenization
- **Rate depends on nature of PBX heterogeneities**
PBX not completely characterized by thermodynamic variables
Lot dependence on Pop plot data as seen for cold PBX 9502
Variation of thermal expansion of PBX 9502
Partial orientation of TATB grain (texture) & crystal anisotropy
- **History dependent response**
Shock desensitization (rate set by lead shock)
Ratchet grow (thermal cycling decreases density)
Stress relaxation at grain contacts
- **Need to calibrate engineering models**
Most burn models, calibration needed for each ρ_0 and T_0
Effectively treats each initial condition as distinct explosive

Hot spot burn rate

Hot spot concept suggests (heuristic) form of rate

$$\mathcal{R} = g(\lambda) \cdot (\text{deflagration speed}) \cdot (\text{burn center number density})^{1/3}$$

where $g(\lambda)$ is scaling of wavelet front area
and depends on heterogeneities

- (burn center number density) depends on lead shock strength
Naturally accounts for shock desensitization
Rate increases with shock strength
- (deflagration speed) depends on reactants state
Deflagration speed proportional to P^n with $n \lesssim 1$
Experiments on propellants up to about 0.1 GPa
Diamond Anvil Cell with HMX up to 35 GPa
room temperature rather than shock temperature

Properties of hot spot burn rate

Require a 'large number' of small hot spots

- **Statistical behavior**

Small fluctuations for reproducible detonation phenomenon

- **Deflagration speed much smaller than detonation speed**

Compensate with large number of burn centers

$(\text{reaction time}) \propto (\text{av distance between burn centers}) / (\text{deflagration speed})$

$(\text{av distance between burn centers}) \propto (\text{burn center number density})^{1/3}$

- **Burn center density increases with initial temperature**

Shifts hot spot distribution to higher temperatures

More hot spots can trigger deflagration wavelets

- **Number density of hot spots increases with shock pressure**

Transit time to detonation decreases with shock pressure

- **Number density of pores increases with porosity**

Number of potential hot spot sites increase

Pore collapse as hot spot mechanism for shock initiation

Energy localization requires dissipative mechanism

- Pore collapse produces sufficiently high temperatures
Either micro-jetting or viscous heating
- Hot-spot temperature increases with shock strength
More burn centers and faster rate at higher shock pressure
- Pore collapse consistent with shock sensitivity
More pores at higher porosity and faster rate
- Pore collapse consistent with shock desensitization
First shock crushes pores and eliminates potential hot spot sites
- Pore collapse consistent with low pressure Pop plot data
Linear Pop plot (log-log scale) breaks down at low pressure

In the pressure range of Pop plot data
other mechanism don't produce sufficient heating

Below pressure of Pop plot data other mechanism needed
Such as shear heating for low velocity impact

Heuristic burn rate

Growth rate for Lee & Tarver's Ignition and Growth model of form

$$\mathcal{R}(\lambda, P) \propto \lambda^{n_1} (1 - \lambda)^{n_2} P^n$$

- $\lambda^{n_1} (1 - \lambda)^{n_2}$ factor
Represents to scaling of reactive wavelet area
Needed to fit embedded velocity gauge time histories
- P^n factor where P is local pressure
Fits Pop plot data
- Diamond anvil cell or isentropic compression experiments
Model predicts fast reaction at CJ pressure
Experiments show negligible reaction
Hot spots require dissipation for localized energy
- Rate too large for multiple shocks
Doesn't account for shock desensitization

Fitting form (15 parameters) can be calibrated to subset of data
Does not provide flexibility needed for wide range of phenomena

Model calibration

- **Select data to fit (subjective)**

Experiments aimed at single detonation phenomena

- **Metric to compare model with data (subjective)**

Simulated data for model (2-D simulation computationally expensive)

Resolution for accurate simulation and uncertainty in data

- **Calibration**

Iterative algorithm to vary parameters to minimize metric

- **Issues**

Minimization is highly non-linear (local or global minimum)

Metric may be insensitive to correlated changes in parameters

or insufficient data may lead to underdetermined model

- **Domain of applicability**

Tacit assumption: hot spot distribution same as calibration experiments

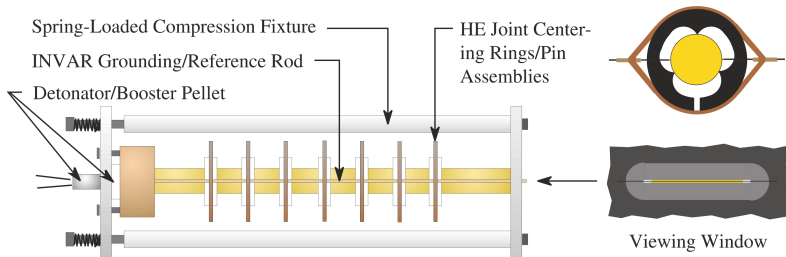
Model accurate for applications similar to calibration experiments

May loss accuracy for other applications

7. Diameter effect and curvature effect

Unconfined rate stick

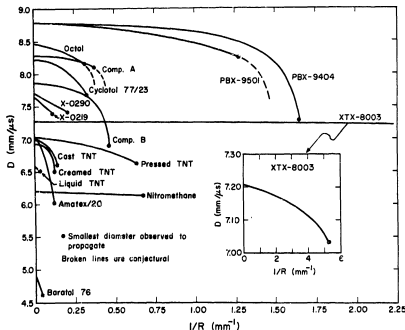
- **Cylinder of HE surrounded by air**
Initiate at one end and run long enough to reach steady state
rule of thumb, length 4 times the diameter
- **Measurements**
Timing pins for axial detonation speed
Curvature effect: Wave breakout along diameter with streak camera



Hill *et al.*, 11th Detonation Symposium (1998)

Diameter effect

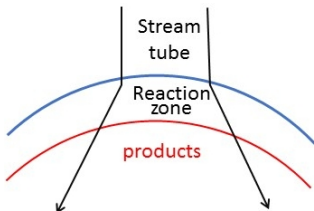
- Axial detonation speed as function of rate stick diameter
Detonation speed decreases as diameter decreases
Less than D_{CJ} , minimum based on shock jump conditions
- Minimum diameter to propagate detonation wave
- Limit of large diameter, $D(R)/D_{CJ} \rightarrow 1 - a/R$ as $R \rightarrow \infty$



Detonation speed vs $1/R$
Campbell & Engelke (1976)
6th Detonation Symposium

Modified jump conditions

- Stream tube in rest frame of detonation front



Blue is lead shock front

Red is end of reaction zone

subscripts 'a' and 'b' denote states ahead and behind reaction zone

A is cross sectional area

Diverging wave front if $A_b > A_a$

Duct flow equations

Flux is proportion to cross sectional area

At shock front $d \ln(\text{area})/dx = \kappa$ is mean front curvature

- Partly burned detonation loci

Correction to jump conditions from reaction zone width + front curvature

Diverging detonation wave, $\kappa > 0$

Sonic point lies within reaction zone

Detonation speed decreases with mean front curvature κ

1-D duct flow equations & jump conditions

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho A \\ \rho A u \\ \rho A (e + \frac{1}{2} u^2) \\ \rho A \lambda \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho A u \\ \rho A u^2 + A P \\ \rho A u (e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 + P V) \\ \rho A u \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ P \partial_x A \\ -P \partial_t A + \rho A Q \mathcal{R} \\ \rho A \mathcal{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

For quasi-steady detonation A is fixed and $\partial_t A = 0$

Re-express PDEs in conservation form with additional geometric source term

$$\partial_t \begin{pmatrix} \rho \\ \rho u \\ \rho (e + \frac{1}{2} u^2) \end{pmatrix} + \partial_x \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 + P \\ \rho u (e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 + P V) \end{pmatrix} = -\kappa \begin{pmatrix} \rho u \\ \rho u^2 \\ \rho u (e + \frac{1}{2} u^2 + P V) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \rho Q \mathcal{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

and $(d/dt)\lambda = \mathcal{R}$

For partly burned detonation loci, steady wave variables function of $\xi = x - Dt$

Integrating across reaction zone, no longer perfect differential

Jump conditions no longer algebraic expressions depend on rate as well as EOS

$$\kappa = \begin{cases} 1/x & \text{PDEs corresponds to cylindrical-symmetric flow} \\ 2/x & \text{PDEs corresponds to spherically-symmetric flow} \end{cases}$$

Characteristic equation

Extra geometric source term for diverging wave

For right facing characteristic, $dx/dt = u + c$

$$(d/dt)P + \rho c(d/dt)u = [\Gamma \rho \lambda Q + (\partial_\lambda P)_{V,e}] \mathcal{R} - \kappa \rho c^2 u$$

Shock acceleration needed for shock-to-detonation transition
is competition among

1. Pressure gradient behind shock front
2. Chemical reaction
3. Geometric source term for divergent flow

Curvature effect

- **Theory**, Bdzil, Stewart, Aslam (circa 1990)
 1-D quasi-steady reaction zone profile along streamlines
 e.g., cylindrically diverging detonation is quasi-steady
 Neglect transverse flow and curvature of streamlines
 Steady duct flow ODEs for stream tube assuming
 Unsupported diverging wave front
 Reaction zone profile determines unique detonation speed, $D_n(\kappa)$
 ▶ profile ODEs
- **Reaction zone width is important length scale**
 Slope of $D_n(\kappa)$ depends on reaction zone width
 Resolution requirement for simulations
- **Diameter effect vs Curvature effect**
 Diameter effect is global for unconfined rate stick
 Curvature effect is local
 With DSD theory can predict diameter effect

Detonation Shock Dynamics (DSD)

DSD theory developed by Bdzil, Stewart, Aslam (circa 1990)

Reaction zone to sonic point decouples from flow behind

- **Boundary condition**

Front angle with inert determined by shock polar analysis

► shock polar

Several cases depending on relative acoustic impedance

weak confinement and strong confinement most important

- **Time evolution of detonation front**

$D_n(\kappa)$ + **boundary angle** determines evolution of front
using level set algorithm

Precompute burn time table, $t_{bt}(\vec{x})$, before hydro simulation

- **Model for propagating diverging detonation wave**

Generalization of programmed burn model

Huygen's construction from geometric optics

with constant wave speed D_{cj}

Pseudo-burn rate

Analogous to artificial viscosity for shock capturing

Comment on converging wave front

- **Cylindrical or spherically converging shock wave**
Guderley similarity solution for polytropic EOS
Shock velocity hence shock pressure increases as shock propagates
- **Converging detonation wave**
Detonation speed increases as detonation propagates
or collision of diverging fronts [▶ example](#)
Interaction portion of front is overdriven
 - **Reaction zone is subsonic wrt front**
Analog of planar overdriven detonation wave
Supported by flow behind reaction zone
 - **DSD assumption breaks down**
Detonation wave does not decouple from flow behind

Experimental measurement of $D_n(\kappa)$

- **Unconfined rate stick**

Initiate at one end and allow to run to steady state

Measure axial detonation speed with timing pins

- **Measure front shape**

Record wave breakout along diameter with streak camera

- **Front curvature**

Calculate mean front curvature κ from front shape $z(r)$

Sum of principal components in radial and azimuthal directions

Formula involves first and second derivatives of z wrt r

Smooth shape utilizing fitting form for $z(r)$

Calculate derivatives analytically

- **Normal detonation speed**

$$D_n = D_{axial} / \cos(\theta)$$

$$\text{and } \tan(\theta) = dz/dr$$

Example PBX 9502

ref: Hill & Aslam, 14th Detonation Symposium (2010)

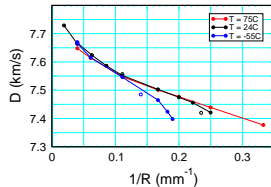
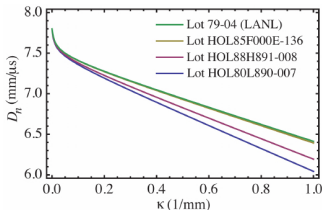
- Temperature and lot dependence**

Heterogeneities affect burn rate which affects reaction zone width and slope of $D_n(\kappa)$

- Fast and slow TATB rate**

$D_n(\kappa)$, large slope for small κ then rapidly changes to moderate slope
Sonic point moves from end of slow reaction to near end of fast reaction
Large change in reaction zone width to sonic point

Curvature
effect
with lot



Campbell 1984

Diameter
effect
with T

Breakdown of DSD assumptions

- Dependence of $D_n(\kappa)$ on rate stick diameter

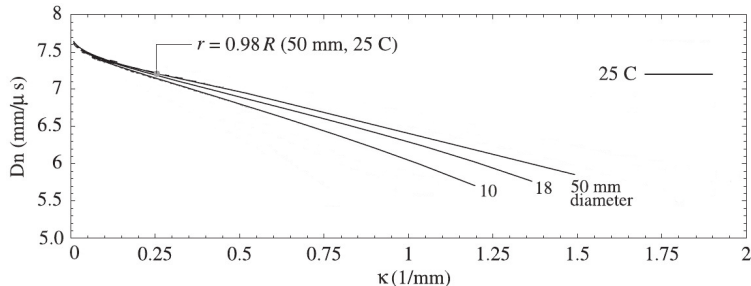
Lead shock pressure changes rapidly in boundary layer

Leads to transverse gradients not accounted for in duct flow ODEs

Model ODEs do not have solution for large κ

but simulations fit shape of detonation front

Discussed further in lecture 9 on failure diameter

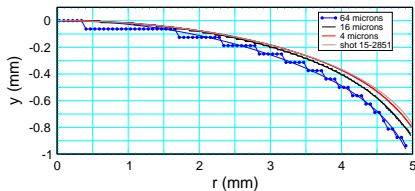


Hill, Bdzil & Aslam, 11th Detonation Symposium (1998)

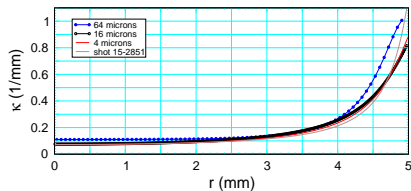
Rate stick simulation

5 mm radius PBX 9502 rate stick

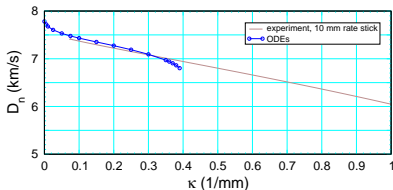
Fit front shape with fine zoning



$\kappa \approx 1 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ at boundary



Profile ODEs have solution only up to 0.4 mm^{-1}



8. CJ state and release isentrope

Products EOS data

Minimum data needed for good model

- **CJ state**

Detonation speed & pressure

- **Issues**

Approach to steady state (final percent slow due to sonic point)

Length of run for planar wave

- **Overdriven detonation locus**

Requires supported planar wave

- **CJ release isentrope**

1-D release isentrope from overdriven detonation

Grüneisen coefficient from pair of overdriven isentropes

Γ allows extrapolating in e off the release isentrope

2-D Cylinder test or Sandwich test or Disc Accelerate Experiment (DAX)

Unlike shock Hugoniot, infer isentrope with simulations

Requires many experiments, hence time consuming and expensive

Limited data for many PBXs

CJ detonation speed

Experiments

- Planar detonation wave**

Thin flyer plate (short shock)

Overdrive for prompt initiation

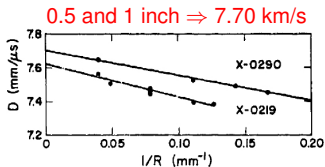
Long enough run to decay to steady underdriven detonation

Timing pins to measure detonation speed

- Extrapolate diameter effect**

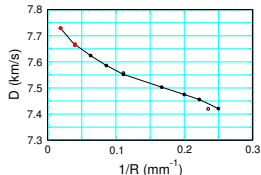
$D(R) = D_{CJ}(1 - a/R)$ for large R

Large diameter needed for PBX 9502



Campbell & Engelke 1976

2 and 4 inch \Rightarrow 7.78 km/s



Campbell 1984

CJ pressure — conventional HE I

Jump equation for steady planar wave, $P_{cj} = \rho_0 u_{CJ} D_{CJ}$

Problem is to determine u_{cj} for underdriven detonation

- **Conventional HE**

Thin reaction zone width < 0.1 mm ► CHE

Kink (discontinuous derivative) at CJ state

- **Assume CJ detonation** (discontinuity to CJ state)

Steep reaction zone pressure gradient decays in thin foil or window

- **VISAR/PDV probe**

Need to account for impedance mismatch between HE and window

Standard wave analysis in (u_p, P) plane is inexact

Clipping of von Neumann spike

Reaction zone profile affect reflected wave in HE

$P(u)$ not same as rarefaction nor shock locus

► 9501 profile experiment

CJ pressure — conventional HE II

Historic method for P_{CJ} , 1960 – 1980

1. Plane wave lens + HE sample + thin metal plate
Measure free surface jump-off velocity of plate
Repeat for series of plate thicknesses
2. Extrapolate jump-off velocity to 0 thickness, u_{fs}
From plate EOS determine pressure corresponding u_{fs}
 $P_{CJ} = \text{shock pressure} \approx \text{at particle velocity } u_p = \frac{1}{2} u_{fs}$

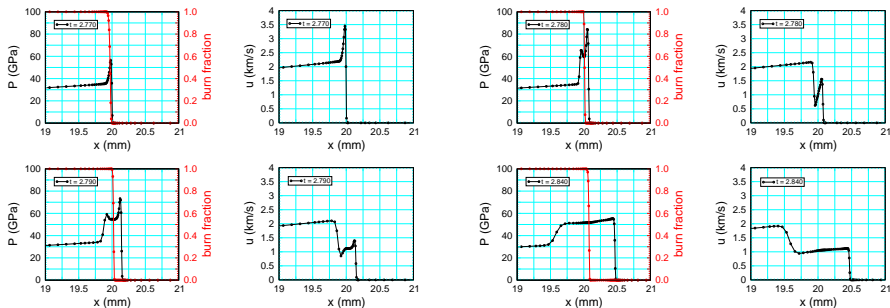
Approximations

- Plate thick enough for pressure to decay to P_{cj}
Shock transit time greater than reaction time in HE
- Plate thin enough to be at same particle velocity as end of HE
Flow in plate is shock match from CJ state followed by rarefaction
Reverberation time small compare to velocity change from rarefaction
- In limit of zero plate thickness, lead shock at CJ pressure

CJ pressure — conventional HE III

PBX 9501 planar detonation → steel

Simulated pressure and velocity profiles at sequence of times

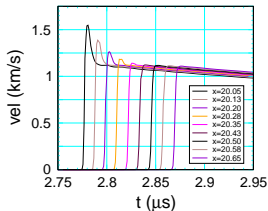


Initial 9501/steel interface at 20 mm

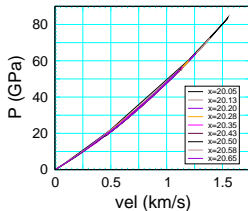
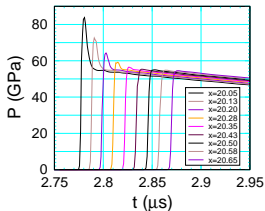
Burn fraction shows interface

Reaction zone gradient decays rapidly in inert

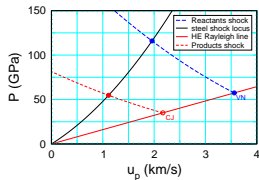
CJ pressure — conventional HE IV



Lagrangian tracer particles



Inexact wave analysis



- VN spike gets clipped

Depends on distance from HE surface
Need slope of reactants reflected shock locus

- CJ state in steel (window)

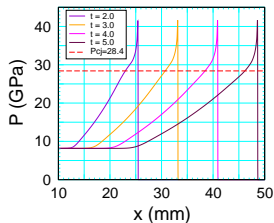
Depends on velocity profile
More accurate if inert to clip reaction zone
Slope of products reflected shock ($\rho_{CJ} D_{CJ}$)
Determined by sonic condition

CJ pressure — insensitive HE I

- Insensitive HE**

Large reaction zone width > 1 mm

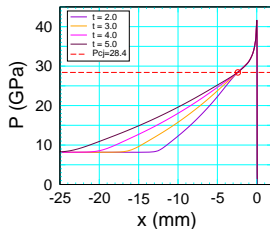
Where does reaction zone end
and rarefaction begin ?



- Series of unsupported experiments**

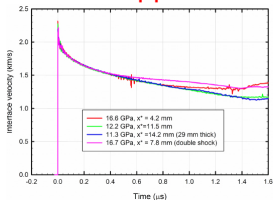
Initiation with varying run distance

Align front then CJ state
at end of steady profile



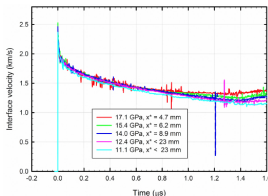
CJ pressure — insensitive HE II

- Data for unsupported experiments



EDC 35 at 23°C

Gustavsen, Bartram, Sanchez, SCCM 2009, p253-256



PBX 9502 at -55°C

Better with longer distances of run and same initiation pressure

Need to correct for window impedance mismatch

model reaction zone (see Davis & Ramsay 7th Det Symp, 1982)

- Limit of overdriven detonation wave

Series of experiments varying support (Gustavsen *et al.*, 2014)

Flow behind detonation

Constant state for $D > D_{CJ}$

Rarefaction for $D < D_{CJ}$

Overdriven detonation locus

- Supported planar detonation wave

Explosively driven flyer plate or projectile from gas gun

- Constant state behind detonation

VISAR or PDV probe at end of HE to measure velocity time history
 u behind wave is well defined, in contrast to unsupported detonation
 Correct for impedance match with window

- Detonation locus

Series of experiments varying flyer plate velocity

- Additional data

Pick width of flyer for Detonation + Constant State + Rarefaction
 Determines sound speed behind detonation wave

$$\gamma = c^2/(PV) \text{ on detonation locus}$$

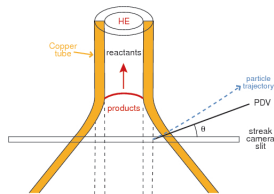
and release isentrope from overdriven detonation state

$$\Gamma = V(\partial P / \partial e)_V \text{ from pair of release isentropes}$$

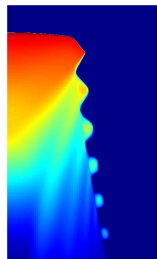
uncertainty from round-off and low precision data

Cylinder test experiment

- Standard test**
 - 1 inch diameter HE
 - 0.1 inch thick copper tube
 - 2 inch long HE pellets slip fit
 - wall tolerance 1 mil
 - gives 1 % uncertainty in wall mass
- Scaled tests** (consistency check)
 - 0.5 and 2 inch diameter HE
- Steady state flow**
 - Curved detonation front
 - Approximately isentropic behind front
 - Ringing in the wall (copper material strength)
 - Radial variation of pressure
- Data**
 - Axial detonation speed
 - Wall velocity from multiple probes

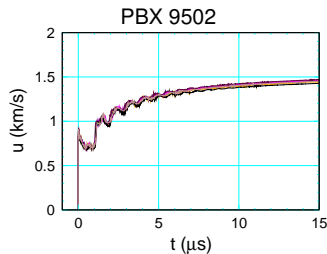
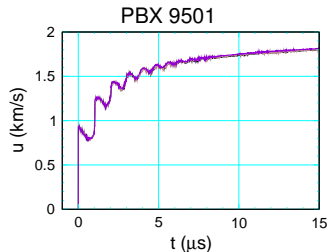


Log pressure



Cylinder test uncertainties

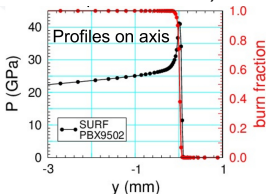
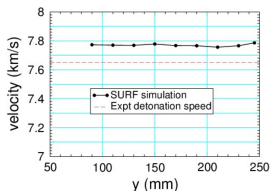
- **Wall velocity variation**
With azimuthal angle
wall thickness tolerance
- **Detonation speed variation**
With lot and initial temperature
- **Wall expansion**
 $R/R_0 \approx 3$ ($V/V_0 \approx 9$) at $15 \mu\text{s}$
 $P \sim 0.1 \text{ GPa}$
Wall acceleration > 0 but decreasing
- **Wall thins with expansion**
Thickness $\propto 1/\text{Radius}$
Spall at larger radii
- **Fit products isentrope**
Match data with simulations



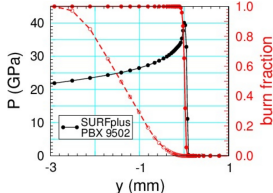
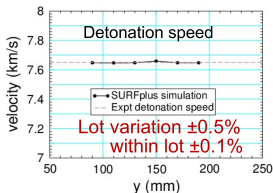
Pemberton *et al.*, 2011

Cylinder test and curvature effect

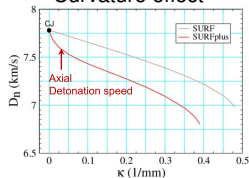
PBX 9502 fast rate (narrow reaction zone)



PBX 9502 fast/slow rate (wide reaction zone)

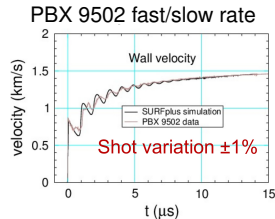
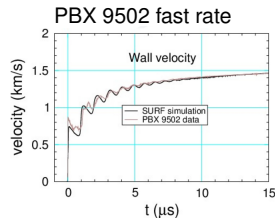


Curvature effect



Cylinder test and wall velocity

- **Common practice**
Fit to JWL EOS using programmed burn with D_{CJ} = axial detonation speed
- **Issues:**
 1. Curvature effect depends on HE diameter
 2. EOS fitting parameters depend on diameter
- **Sensitive of wall velocity to rate**
After first wall shock, velocity insensitive to rate
Energy release after sonic point
Does not contribute to detonation wave speed
But does contribute to wall velocity



9. Failure diameter, corner turning and dead zones

Failure diameter

- **Diameter effect experiments** ▶ diameter effect

Series of unconfined rate sticks with decreasing diameter
Detonation wave does not propagate below failure diameter

- **Trends**

Fast rate and narrow reaction zone have smaller failure diameter
Also better for corner turning

Failure diameter decreases with increasing temperature (larger rate)

Failure diameter can depend on lot (grain distribution affects burn rate)

- **Failure cone**

Replace HE cylinder with cone

Aims to get failure diameter with 1 experiment

Detonation slightly overdriven due to decreasing diameter

Fails at small diameter than standard 'failure diameter'

Requires model and simulation to correct for affect of taper

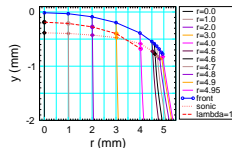
Simulation above failure diameter

PBX 9502 at 10 mm diameter

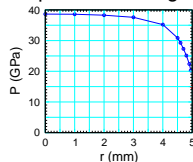
- **Detonation wave**
Initiated at bottom
- **Small test cylinder** (5 mm radius)
Slightly overdriven
length/diameter = 4
- **Sonic shock at boundary** ▶ shock polar
Boundary layer with large change
in shock pressure and
large transverse pressure gradient
- **Boundary layer flow** ▶ $D_n(\kappa)$
Not 1-D detonation along streamline
Lead shock supported by interior
Low burn rate compared to axis



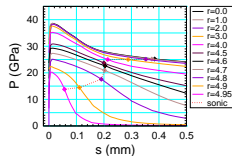
shock front & streamlines



shock pressure along front



pressure along streamlines



Weak confinement

Surround HE with PMMA instead of air

Independent of weak confiner

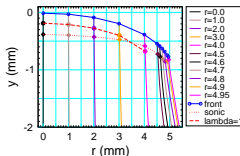
- Part of reaction zone
Shock front to sonic locus
- Shape of detonation front
- Axial detonation speed
- Failure diameter

Affected by weak confiner

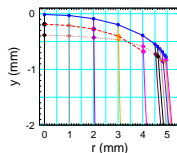
- Behind sonic locus
Radial expansion
Pressure along streamline

shock front & streamlines

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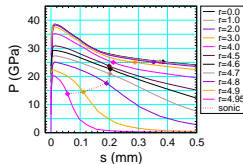


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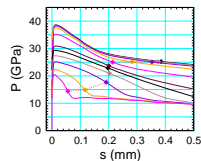


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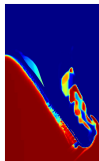
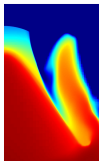
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Simulation below failure diameter (PBX 9502)

Failure mechanism

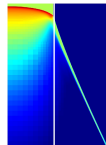
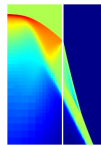
- **Transverse pressure gradient**
Transverse energy flow supports only
Weak lead shock in boundary layer
very low burn rate behind weak shock
- **Failure wave**
Weak shock drains energy from detonation
Weak shock grows radially inward
Larger energy drain on detonation
- **Weak shock after failure**
shock pressure burn fraction



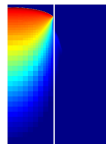
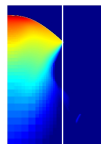
4 mm radius
failing

5 mm radius
propagates

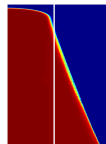
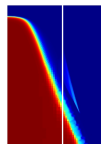
density



pressure



burn fraction



Additional comments on failure

Detonation wave failure

- Depends on geometry

Unconfined rectangular slab of HE
failure thickness < failure diameter

- Depends on confinement

Strong confinement, such as by steel
Shock polar analysis at boundary
Lead HE shock is subsonic

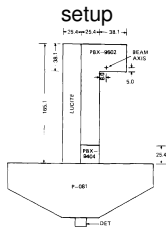
Higher boundary pressure and smaller failure diameter

Issue with boundary layer reduced or eliminated

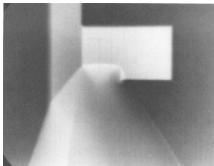
Caveat: To apply shock polar analysis at boundary

No gap between HE and confiner

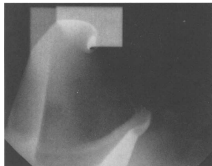
Corner turning – experiment



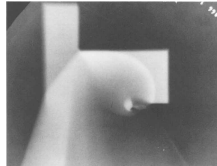
Shot 1941



Shot 1796



Shot 1943



Phermex shots (1975, 1976)

- Time evolution**

Three experiment with 1 radiograph per shot
 Diffraction of lead shock lowers pressure
 Detonation spreads out laterally

- Dead zone**

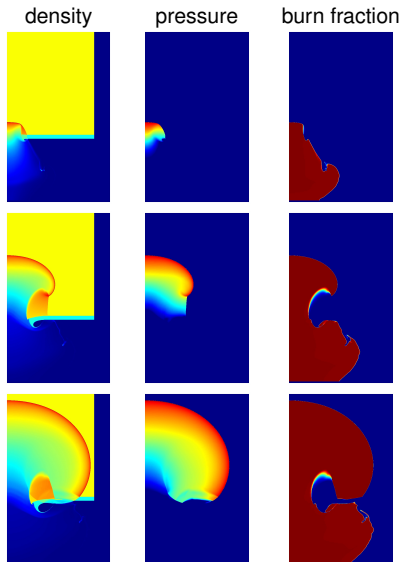
Region of low rate or shock desensitized

Corner turning – simulation

- **Setup** similar to experiment



- **Small HE cylinder width**
Affects corner turning
and extent of dead zone
- **Applications**
Detonator-booster
Fragment impact



10. EOS models and calibration data

Mei-Gruneisen EOS

Most model EOS for HE based on Mei-Grüneisen form for pressure

$$P(V, e) = P_{ref}(V) + \frac{\Gamma(V)}{V} [e - e_{ref}(V)]$$

and constant specific heat

$$T(V, e) = T_{ref}(V) + [e - e_{ref}(V)] / C_V$$

Reference curve

- **Reactants**
Principal shock locus
or isentrope through ambient state
- **Products**
Isentrope through CJ state

Mei-Gruneisen EOS – reference curve

Many fitting forms for $P_{ref}(V)$ to choose from

Thermodynamically consistent EOS

with reference curve for e and T determined by $P_{ref}(V)$ and $\Gamma(V)$

- **Isentrope**

$$e_{ref}(V) = - \int_{V_0}^V dV P_{ref}(V)$$

$$T_{ref}(V) = T_0 \exp \left[- \int_{V_0}^V dV \Gamma(V)/V \right]$$

- **Principal Hugoniot locus**

$$e_{ref}(V) = \frac{1}{2} (P_{ref}(V) + P_0) (V_0 - V)$$

$$\frac{dT_{ref}}{dV} + \frac{\Gamma(V)}{V} T_{ref} = \left(P_{ref} + \frac{de_{ref}}{dV} \right) C_V^{-1}$$

Domain limited by maximum shock compression ratio

Mei-Gruneisen EOS – issues

Issues with Mei-Grüneisen EOS

1. Difficult to determine $\Gamma(V) = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial e} \right)_V$ experimentally
Typically, $\Gamma(V) = \Gamma_0 + (V/V_0)\Gamma'$
2. Limited data for calibration HE
Can not achieve high temperature and high pressure statically
For reactants, extrapolate outside range of data
3. Limited domain for thermodynamic stability
Van der Waal loops at low temperature
since C_V not 0 as $T \rightarrow 0$
 $K_T < 0$ for solids in expansion ($V > V_0$)
4. Constant specific heat is not good approximation for HE
Thermodynamic consistent extension with non-constant C_V

Reactants EOS

Available data to calibrate EOS model

1. **Principal shock Hugoniot**
Limited pressure range due to reaction
Possibly take advantage of shock desensitization
2. **Diamond anvil cell for isothermal compression**
Powder diffraction on small HE crystals not PBX
Density measurement not accurate at high pressures
3. **Isentropic compression experiment**
Compress sample with pressure ramp at Sandia Z-machine
Experiments with PBX 9501
4. **Specific heat from phonon frequencies (measured or DFT)**
 C_V varies by factor of 2 between ambient and VN spike
Shock temperature measurements based on Raman scattering

Reactants EOS – porosity

Temperature range for HE ($-55 < T_0 < 75$ C)

- **Thermal expansion**
Initial density affects CJ state
Hence detonation speed and release isentrope
- **Thermodynamic identity for coefficient of thermal expansion**

$$\beta = \frac{1}{V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P = \frac{\Gamma}{V} \frac{C_P}{K_S}$$

Constraint on Γ , K_S and C_P at ambient state

- **Porosity of PBX is extra degree of freedom**
Depends on how molding powder pressed into PBX
Use porosity model to account for initial density at initial temperature
Squeeze out pores at low pressure implies not sensitive to model

Products EOS

CJ state and release isentrope discussed in lecture 8

- **Detonation wave to get in high pressure regime**
Allow for initiation
Account for curvature effect
- **Overdrive detonation** ($P > P_{CJ}$)
Planar detonation can use jump conditions
- **'Release Isentrope'** ($P < P_{CJ}$)
1-D release isentrope, Cylinder test and DAX
In contrast to Hugoniot point need simulation to interpret data
- **C_V not measured**
Solid like at CJ state (above solid density)
Decreases with expansion
Rotation of molecules rather than vibrations

Products EOS – carbon clustering

Explosives that produce excess of carbon have fast and slow reactions

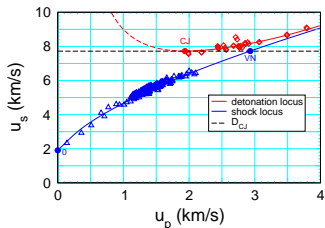
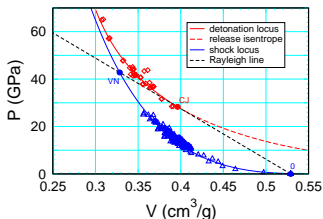
- **Slow reaction from carbon clustering**
Releases substantial amount of chemical energy
- **Products EOS has extra degree of freedom** $P_{prod}(V, e, \lambda_{cc})$
where $\lambda_{cc} = 0$ is for products without carbon clustering
 $\lambda_{cc} = 1$ is for equilibrium products
- **Detonation phenomena affected by carbon clustering**
Shock initiation determined by fast reaction, $P_{prod}(V, e, 0)$
Curvature effect, sonic point for $0 < \lambda_{cc}^{sonic} < 1$
Corner turning, λ_{cc} varies along sonic locus of detonation wave

Products EOS needs to account for carbon clustering

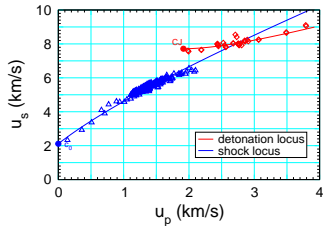
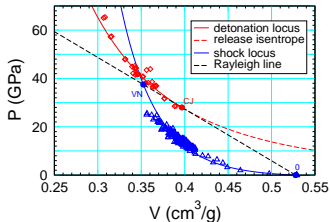
Example EOS model loci

EOS model shock and detonation loci for PBX 9502

Example 1
thermicity > 0



Example 2
thermicity
changes sign



$$\text{thermicity} = \frac{(\partial_\lambda P)_{V,e}}{K_s} = \frac{\Delta V}{V} - \Gamma \frac{\Delta H}{VK_s}, \text{ expect } \Delta H < 0 \text{ and } \Delta V > 0$$

Does VN spike pressure matter ?

- **Curvature effect**

Slope of $D_n(\kappa)$ strongly affected by reaction zone width

Reaction zone width largely determined by rate at VN spike

To fit shock initiation many models use $\mathcal{R} \propto P^n$

Hence VN spike pressure strongly affects reaction zone width

Caveat: limited numerical resolution

can clipped VN spike pressure

- **Sonic pressure boundary condition for weak confinement**

Low VN spike pressure due to stiff EOS

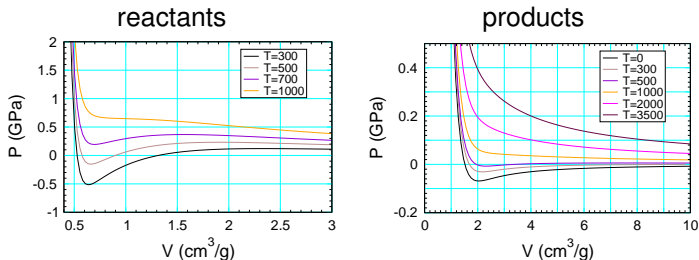
Also would give low sonic pressure

Can affect failure diameter and corner turning

**Need accurate reactants EOS up to VN spike pressure
to model wide range of detonation phenomena**

Example EOS model isotherms

PBX 9502 EOS model isotherms at low T and $V > V_0$



Limit on domain from negative isothermal bulk modulus

- Single phase reactants EOS
Can not account for sublimation and phase separation
- Products
Constant specific heat violates $C_V \rightarrow 0$ as $T \rightarrow 0$

Thermo-chemical codes I

Derive equilibrium EOS for products

BKW (Mader), CHEETAH (LLNL), MAGPIE (PEM-LANL)

Key step is to derive products composition

Example HMX: $C_4H_8N_8O_8 \rightarrow 4N_2 + 4H_2O + 4CO$

but also CO_2 , solid carbon clusters, NO , NO_2 , H_2 , O_2 + *etc.*

Starting point is complete EOS of product species

Gibbs free energy $G_i(P, T) = e + PV - TS$

and approximation for EOS of mixture

$$G(P, T, \vec{\lambda}) = \sum_i \lambda_i G_i(P, T) + (RT/M) \sum_i c_i(\vec{\lambda}) \ln c_i(\vec{\lambda})$$

where λ_i is mass fraction, $c_i = [\lambda_i/m_i] / [\sum_j \lambda_j/m_j]$ is molar concentration
 m_i is molecular weight of species i and M is molecular weight of HE

Last term is entropy of mixing

Thermo-chemical codes II

Determine $\lambda_i(P, T)$ that minimizes Gibbs free energy

subject to stoichiometric constraint

Equilibrium products EOS

$$G_{eq}(P, T) = \sum_i \lambda_i(P, T) G_i(P, T) + (RT/M) \sum_i (c_i \ln c_i) (\vec{\lambda}(P, T))$$

Complication with solid carbon clusters (TATB, TNT)

Phase of carbon (graphite or diamond)

Size of carbon cluster and species bonding to surface

May depend on reaction dynamics (non-equilibrium)

Generate sesame table

EOS evaluation, $P(V, e)$ or $T(V, e)$, independent of model complexity

Or fit to Mie-Grüneisen form with CJ release isentrope

BKW EOS (Mader), JWL EOS fit to CHEETAH

Thermo-chemical codes III

Species EOS

- **Fit to available data**

Limited data in regime of interest

P up to 50 GPa and T up to 5000 K

- **Molecular dynamics simulations**

Need potentials between atoms

In principle, from quantum chemistry calculations

Issue with temperature when vibrational modes not saturated

Classical MD obeys equipartition for vibrational modes
rather than quantum oscillators

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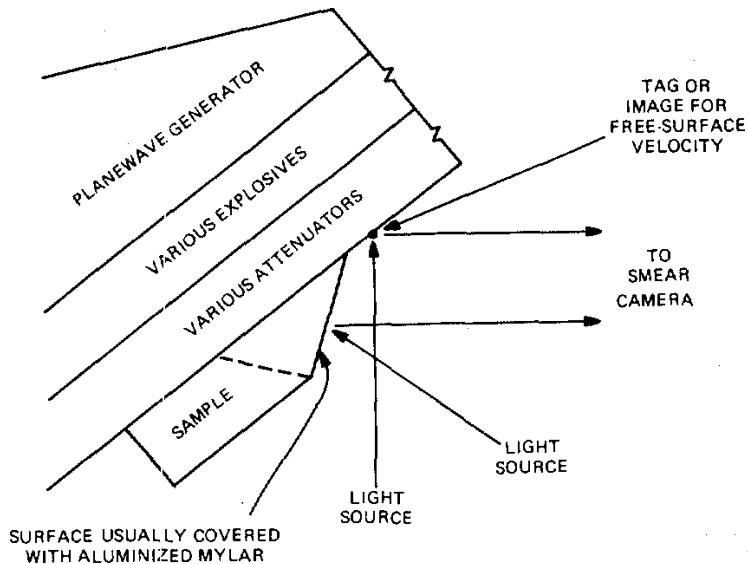
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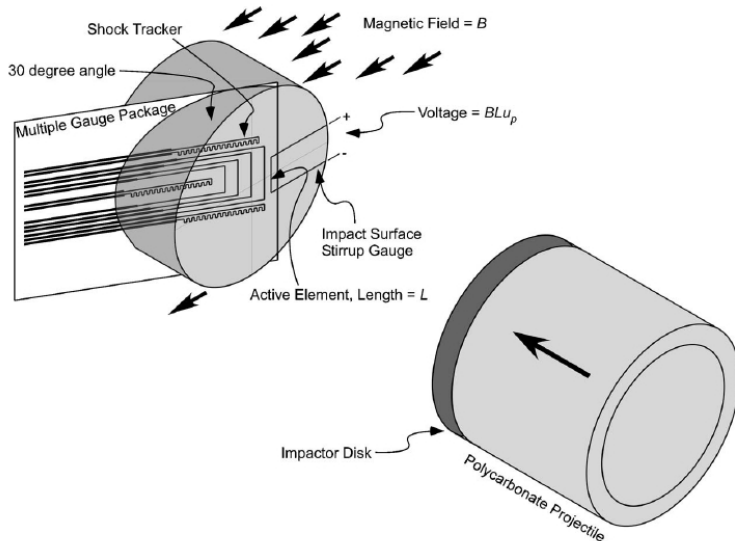
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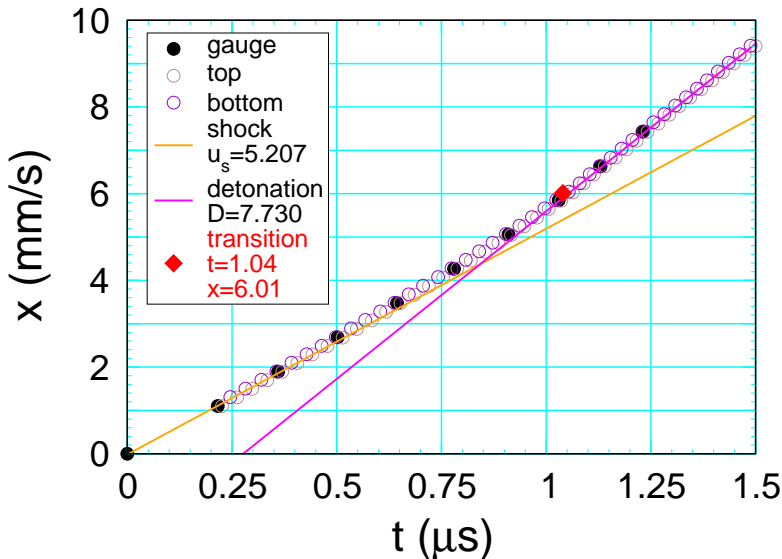
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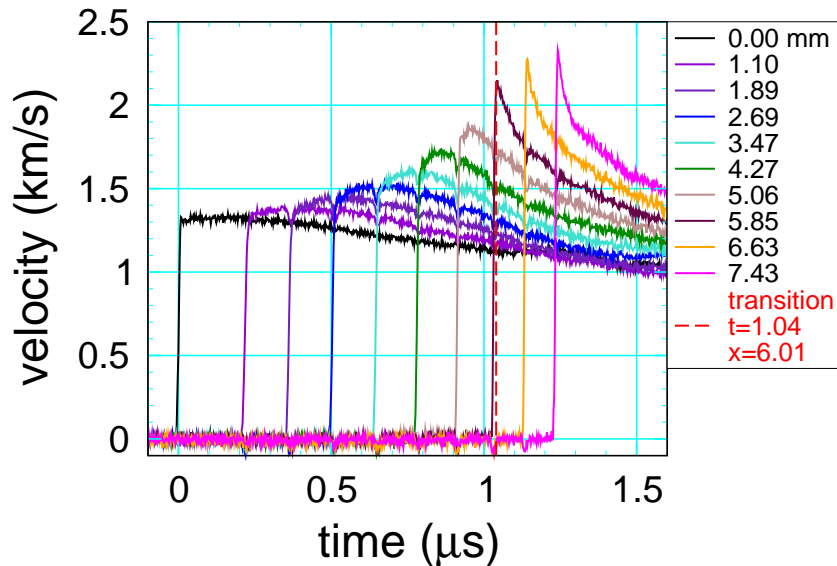
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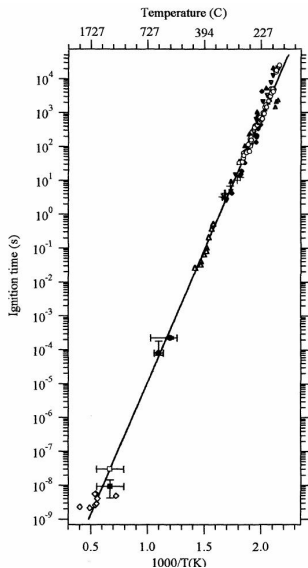
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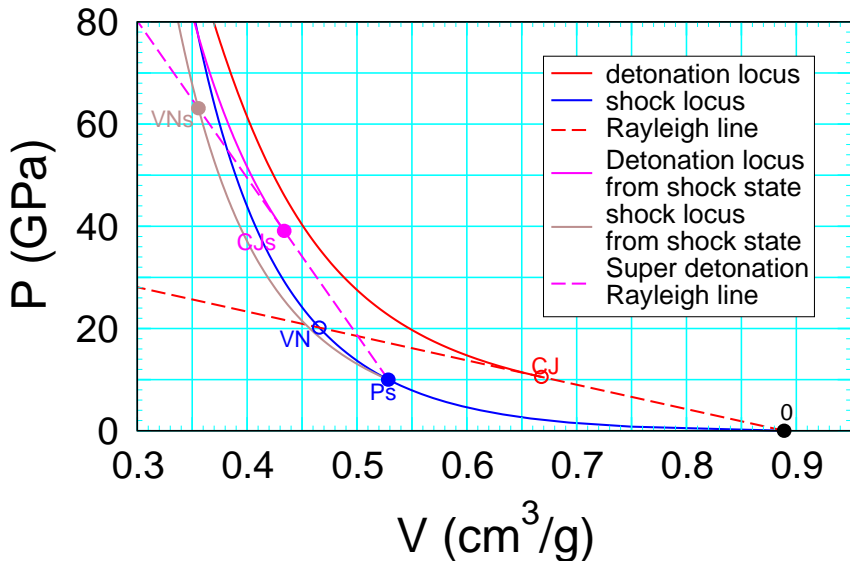
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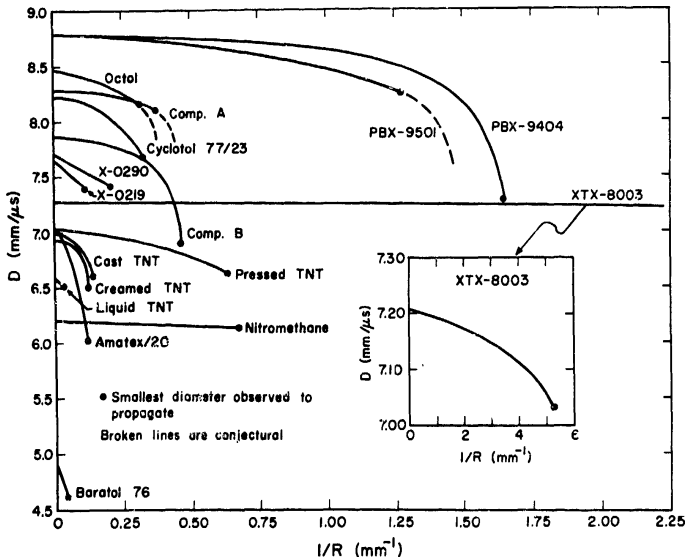
PBX 9501 – global rate (Henson & Smilowitz)



Super-detonation – nitromethane



Diameter effect



Detonation
Campbell &
6th Detonat

Detonation wave with curvature

Quasi-steady profile ODEs with front curvature κ

$$-[\mathcal{C}^2 - (D - u)^2] \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} V \\ D - u \\ \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} [\sigma \mathcal{R} \mathcal{C}^2 - u \kappa (D - u)^2] V / (D - u) \\ (\sigma \mathcal{R} - u \kappa) \mathcal{C}^2 \\ [\mathcal{C}^2 - (D - u)^2] \mathcal{R} / (D - u) \end{pmatrix}$$

and Bernoulli equation $e + P V + \frac{1}{2}(D - u)^2 = \text{constant}$

$$\kappa \begin{cases} > 0, & \text{diverging front, unsupported detonation} \\ = 0, & \text{planar front, reduces to ZND profile} \\ < 0, & \text{converging front, overdriven detonation} \end{cases}$$

- Diverging detonation wave

Sonic point within reaction zone

Critical point of ODEs, factor $[\mathcal{C}^2 - (D - u)^2]$

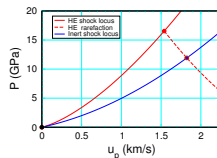
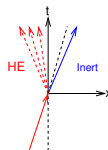
- $D_n(\kappa)$ determined by “eigenvalue” like problem

ODE trajectory such that $\sigma \mathcal{R} - u \kappa = 0$ at critical point

Shock polar

1-D shock interaction

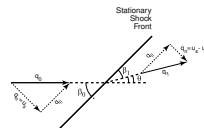
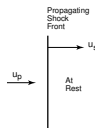
P and u continuous
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particle trajectory \sim time direction



Oblique shock & turning angle

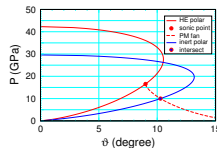
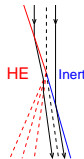
$$\tan \theta = \frac{u_p u_s}{q_0^2 - u_p u_s} \cdot \frac{q_{\parallel}}{u_s}$$

$$q_{\parallel}^2 = q_0^2 - u_s^2$$

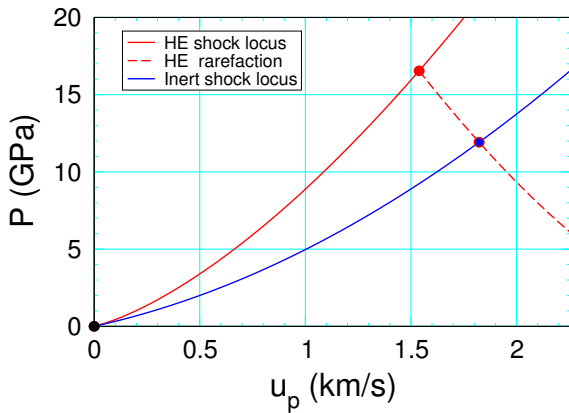
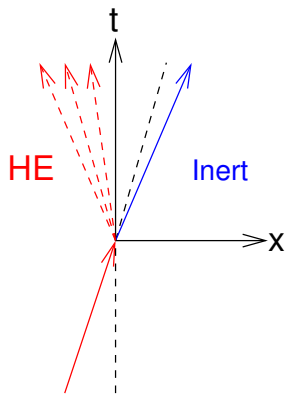


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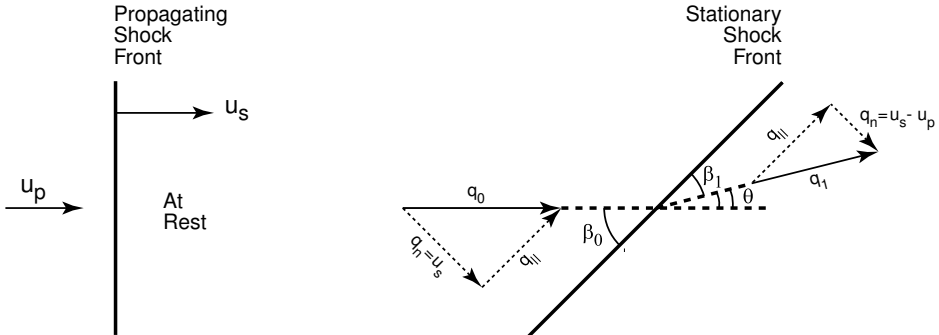
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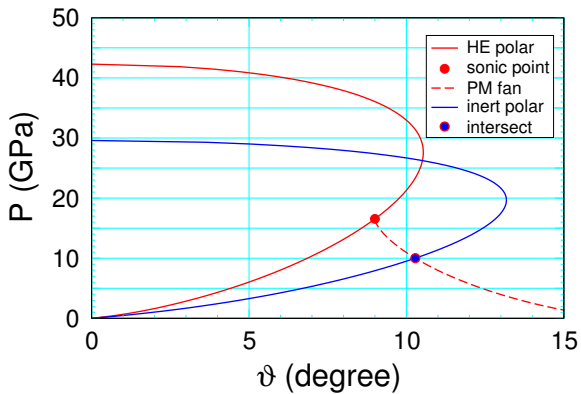
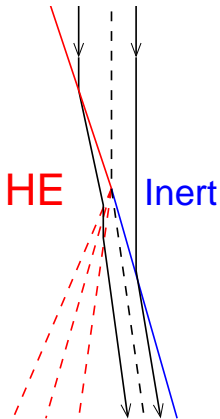
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Oblique shock

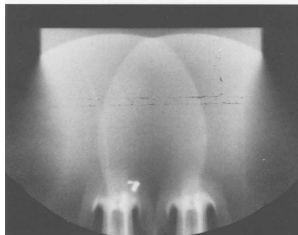
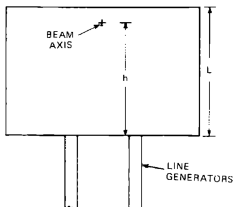
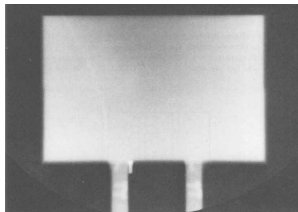
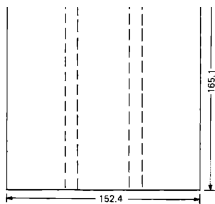


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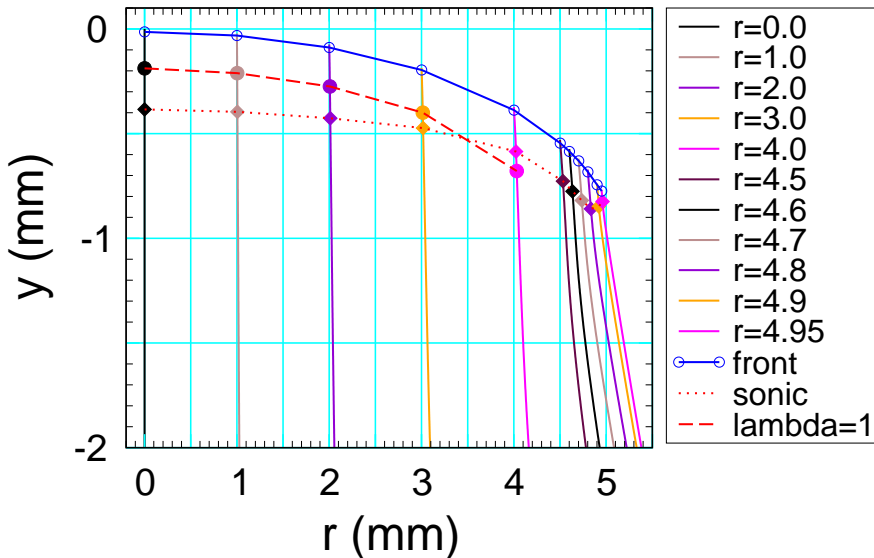


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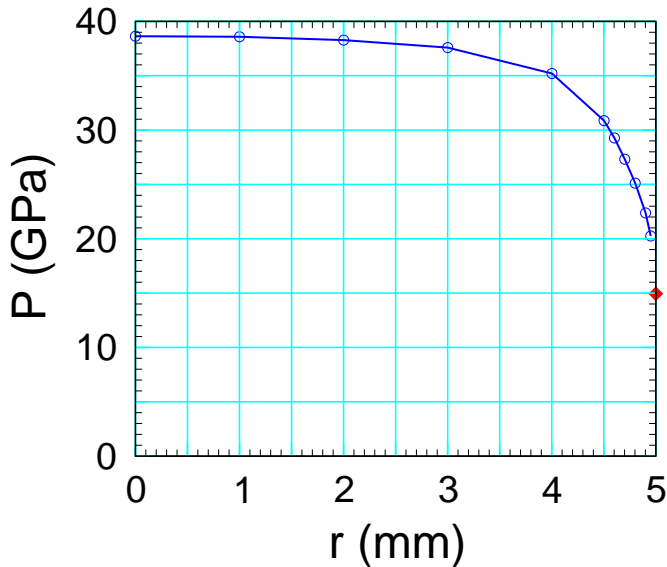
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Simulation above failure diameter



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